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USDA Commodity Food Fact Sheet for Schools & Child Nutrition Institutions

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A230 – SWEET POTATOES, FRESH, WHOLE, CASE

CATEGORY	Vegetables/Fruits
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	U.S. Grade 1 whole fresh sweet potatoes.
PACK/YIELD	 Approximately 40 lbs per case. One lb AP yields 0.80 lb ready-to-cook sweet potato without skin OR 0.61 lb (about 1½ cups) baked sweet potato without skin and provides about 6.60 ¼-cup servings baked sweet potato without skin OR about 1¾ cups cooked, mashed sweet potato and provides about 5.50 ⅓-cup servings cooked, mashed sweet potato OR about 2¼ cups cooked, sliced sweet potato and provides about 9.10 ¼-cup servings cooked, sliced sweet potato. CN Crediting: ¼ cup cooked sweet potato (with skin, without skin, mashed,
STORAGE	 or sliced) provides ½ cup vegetable. Do not store sweet potatoes in the refrigerator. Sweet potatoes should be
	 stored in a cool (55 °F to 60 °F) dry place, never in the refrigerator. Sweet potatoes can be kept a month or longer at 55 °F. If stored at room temperature, they should be used within a week.
	Use First-In-First-Out (FIFO) storage practices to ensure use of older product first.



Nutrition Information

Sweet potato, baked in skin, without salt

	½ cup (50 g)	½ cup (100 g)
Calories	45	90
Protein	1.00 g	2.01 g
Carbohydrate	10.36 g	20.71 g
Dietary Fiber	1.6 g	3.3 g
Sugars	4.22 g	8.44 g
Total Fat	0.07 g	0.15 g
Saturated Fat	0.03 g	0.05 g
Trans Fat	0 g	0 g
Cholesterol	0 mg	0 mg
Iron	0.34 mg	0.69 mg
Calcium	19 mg	38 mg
Sodium	18 mg	36 mg
Magnesium	14 mg	27 mg
Potassium	238 mg	475 mg
Vitamin A	9609 IU	19218 IU
Vitamin A	480 RAE	916 RAE
Vitamin C	9.8 mg	19.6 mg
Vitamin E	0.35 mg	0.71 mg



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USES AND TIPS	 Sweet potatoes may be baked, boiled, steamed, or cooked in the microwave. Use in soups or in baked goods such as sweet potato pie or sweet potato bread. Cinnamon, brown sugar, grated lemon or orange rind, raisins, drained canned pineapple, or nuts may be added for flavor. Substitute mashed sweet potatoes in recipes calling for pumpkin puree. Sweet potatoes (whole, cuts, or mashed) may be cooked plain or with spices, other vegetables or fruits.
FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION	 Wash sweet potato thoroughly before cooking. Cook fruits and vegetables that are going to be held on a steam table or in a hot box to 135 °F for 15 seconds.
BEST IF USED BY GUIDANCE	 For guidance on how to effectively manage, store, and maintain USDA commodities, please visit the FDD Website at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/facts/biubguidance.htm. For additional information on product dating, go to page 6 of <i>Choice Plus Food Safety Supplement</i> at: http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/choice-plus-food-safety-supplement.pdf.